



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Harold W. Milton, Jr.
Appln. No. : 09/273,021
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Title : SYSTEM FOR FACILITATING THE PREPARATION
OF A PATENT APPLICATION

Grp./A.U. : 2178
Examiner : Stephen S. Hong

Docket No. : MILT.777

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116 AND
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 30, 2003, attorney for Applicant submits the subject amendment under 37 CFR § 1.116. This amendment is prepared to place the subject application in condition for allowance and is also being filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination of the above identified application. This amendment is also complying with the Examiner's objections and/or requirements as to form. Finally, applicant believes that the final rejection is premature and respectfully requests that his amendment be admitted for continued prosecution on the merits.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper